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Jeffrey Adkins  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R9-2014-007679

Dear Mr. Adkins:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of June 20, 2014, in which you requested copies of all email correspondence between EPA Region IX and any other EPA staff, and between EPA Region IX staff and any third parties, including personal email account correspondence, regarding 1) the biomass-fired power plant located at 200 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, California; or 2) Blue Lake Power, LLC., or its predecessors and owners Renewable Energy Providers, Inc., and Ultrapower 3. Your request covers electronic correspondence dated, sent, and/or received between January 1, 1985 and June 15, 2014.

Pursuant to the conversation between you and Mark Sims of EPA Region IX on July 29, 2014, which was memorialized in an email from Mark Sims to you on the same day, the scope of your request was narrowed to exclude documents already produced in response to your previous FOIA request (EPA-R9-2014-004671). However, some documents duplicative of the previous FOIA request are provided here. In addition, pursuant to your email on August 22, 2014, the scope of your request was narrowed to include only email correspondence dated by, sent to and/or received by the following EPA Region IX employees: Jared Blumenfeld, Gerardo Rios, Manny Aquitania, Mark Sims, Roger Kohn, John Borton, Matt Salazar, and Geoffrey Glass.

Enclosed you will find copies of some of the documents responsive to your request. As agreed by email on October 29, 2014, EPA will provide the remainder of the responsive documents by November 21, 2014. Please note that your appeal rights relating to any documents withheld in part or in full will accompany the final release of documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Xiao Zhang of the Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 972-3266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen H. Johnson".

Kathleen H. Johnson  
Director, Enforcement Division

Enclosures